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SUBJECT: IAEA PREPARATORY MEETING ON USE OF PHYSICAL STANDARDS IN INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL, MAY 2-6, 1977, VIENNA

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED AGENCY LETTER NOTING PLANS TO CONVENE SMALL CONSULTANTS MEETING MAY 2-6 TO PREPARE WORKING PAPER FOR DISCUSSION AT A LARGER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING ON THE SUBJECT TO BE HELD AUGUST 22-27, 1977. AGENCY REQUESTS CONSULTANTS TO MAKE DETAILED PROPOSALS ON PRACTICAL USE, REQUIRED NUMBER AND TYPE OF NDA PHYSICAL STANDARDS WHICH WILL BE USEFUL FOR SAFEGUARDS INSPECTORS IN THE FIELD. LETTER INCLUDES INFORMATION SHEET WITH FURTHER DETAILS, COPY OF WHICH POUCHED

BARTELS/ERDA AND AMMONS/ERDA.

2. AGENCY INVITES U.S. TO DESIGNATE EXPERT TO ATTEND THIS PREPARATORY MEETING AT AGENCY EXPENSE, AND IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS CONNECTION THEY ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE EXTENSIVE AND UNIQUE EXPERIENCE WHICH HAS BEEN GAINED BY U.S. DOMESTIC SAFEGUARDS INSPECTORS; I.E., INDIVIDUALS WITH IN-THE-FIELD APPLICATION EXPERIENCE IN NDA MEASUREMENTS REQUIRING PHYSICAL STANDARDS. SOME NAMES WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY U.S. STAFF MEMBERS IN THE AGENCY AS PROBABLY POSSESSING THIS

EXPERIENCE ARE WALTER MARTIN OR IRA COHEN OF NRC'S REGION I OFFICE OR AL WALKER AT RICHLAND. (COHEN IS MENTIONED IN AGENCY LETTER.) IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT PREVIOUS IAEA MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD TO DISCUSS THE MORE THEORETICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL ASPECTS OF PHYSICAL STANDARDS FOR NDA, IN CONTRAST WITH THESE PROPOSED MEETINGS TO COVER ACTUAL SAFE-GUARDS EXPERIENCE.

3. WALIGURA SUGGESTED TO MISOFF THAT, IF U.S. WILLING, IT WOULD PROBABLY INCREASE VALUE OF MEETING IF INDIVIDUAL WITH APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD, SUCH AS MARTY ZUCKER OF BNL, COULD ATTEND AS AN OBSERVER (AT U.S. EXPENSE).

4. AS GENERAL COMMENT, MISSION WISHES POINT OUT THAT STRUCTURE OF THESE IAEA MEETINGS IS NORMALLY TO HAVE SMALL CONSULTANTS MEETING TO DRAW UP THE WORKING PAPER FOR THE SUBSEQUENT LARGER ADVISORY GROUP WHICH MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE IAEA. IT IS EXPECTED THAT, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY AND MOMENTUM TO THE WORK OF THE CONSULTANTS, AN INDIVIDUAL PROVIDED BY A MEMBER STATE AS A CONSULTANT WOULD ALSO ATTEND

THE SUBSEQUENT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING ON THAT TOPIC.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. STONE

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